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PHILIP SHABECOFF REPORTS AMERICAN OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT THE  
LIKELIHOOD OF A RESUMPTION OF THE "STEP-BY-STEP" APPROACH  
TOWARD A PEACE SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS INCREASING.  
(A-1)

ACCORDING TO SEYMOUR M. HERSH IRAN IS  
REPORTED IN A DEAL WITH ROCKWELL ON SPY BASE  
IRAN HAS SIGNED A MULTIMILLION-DOLLAR CONTRACT WITH A  
UNITED STATES DEFENSE CONTRACTOR TO SET UP A COMMUNICATIONS  
INTELLIGENCE FACILITY IN IRAN THAT WOULD BE CAPABLE OF  
INTERCEPTING MILITARY AND CIVILIAN COMMUNICATIONS THROUGHOUT  
THE PERSIAN GULF AREA. (A-1)

FULL TEXT OF HERSH ARTICLE WILL BE SENT SEPARATELY.

HENRY GINIGER SAYS THAT PRESIDENT FORD FLEW TO MADRID TODAY  
IN AN EFFORT TO EASE THE WAY TOWARD A NEW AGREEMENT THAT WILL  
PRESERVE THE AMERICAN AIR AND NAVAL PRESENCE IN SPAIN.  
MR. FORD CAME HERE FROM BRUSSELS, WHERE AT A MEETING OF  
THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, HE TRIED TO PUSH FOR CLOSER  
RELATIONS BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE ALLIANCE. BUT THE REACTION  
OF MOST MEMBERS WAS COLD AND THE COMMUNIQUE MADE NO MENTION  
OF SPAIN'S STATUS IN WESTERN DEFENSE. (A-1)

FLORA LEWIS WRITES FRENCH PRESIDENT VALERY  
GISCARD D'ESTAING FOUND A WAY TO AVOID  
SNUBBING PRESIDENT FORD AND AT THE SAME TIME AVOID  
MAKING A BOW TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION LAST

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WEEK. HE REFUSED TO GO TO THE NATO MEETING IN BRUSSELS BUT HE ACCEPTED AN INVITATION FROM BELGIAN KING BAUDOUIN TO A GALA HELD BETWEEN THE TWO DAYS OF NATO SESSIONS AND A CHANCE TO CHAT WITH MR. FORD.

MR. GISCARD D'ESTAING IS NOT A GAULLIST AND HE HAS DELIBERATELY MOVED TO AMELIORATE FRANCO-AMERICAN RELATIONS. THE FRENCH PRESIDENT IS CONSIDERED PERSONALLY TO BE MUCH MORE SYMPATHETIC TO THE UNITED STATES THAN HIS PREDECESSORS, GENERAL DE GAULLE AND GEORGES POMPIDOU. BUT HE IS DEPENDENT ON THE HUGE BLOC OF GAULLIST VOTES IN THE ASSEMBLY TO MAINTAIN HIS PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY.

JAMES M. NAUGHTON STATES THAT, MR. FORD HAS BEGUN MAKING IT CLEAR THAT HIS ADMINISTRATION IS AS AKIN IN PHILOSOPHY TO THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION AS IT IS DIFFERENT IN STYLE.

MR. FORD IS BEGINNING TO DEVELOP AN "AGENDA FOR THE FUTURE" THAT, WHILE INCOMPLETE IN DETAILS, IS THE PHILOSOPHIC EQUIVALENT OF WHAT MR. NIXON USED TO CALL THE "NEW FEDERALISM". IF MR. FORD ABANDONED THE NIXON RHETORIC, HE SEEMED TO HAVE EMBRACED THE NIXON APPROACH TO GOVERNMENT PHILOSOPHY.

JOSEPH LELYVELD WRITES THAT--HSINHUA NOTED APPROVINGLY THAT PRESIDENT FORD WAS GOING TO A NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION CONFERENCE AND LEFT ITS READERS WITH THE THOUGHT THAT AMERICAN LEADERS WERE NOW FOCUSING THEIR ATTENTION "IN THE AREAS THEY BELIEVE TRULY COUNT." THE SOLICITUDE OF THE CHINESE FOR NATO EXTENDS TO THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, TO WHICH THEY ARE NOW PLANNING TO SEND AN AMBASSADOR. PEKING'S PREOCCUPATION WITH THE WESTERN ALLIANCE GROWS DIRECTLY FROM ITS VIEW OF THE SOVIET UNION AS AN IMPLACABLE "SOCIAL-IMPERIALIST" POWER. A UNITED STATES THAT DISENGAGES FROM ITS WORLD COMMITMENTS AND A WESTERN EUROPE THAT BECOMES COMPLACENT ABOUT THE SOVIET THREAT ON ITS FRONTIERS ARE OF DIMINISHED VALUE TO CHINA.

THE TIMES SAYS THE WESTERN WORLD, MUCH DEPICTED IN DECLINE, TESTED THE INSTITUTIONAL MACHINERY OF ITS UNITY LAST WEEK AND FOUND IT SOMEWHAT HEALTHIER AND MORE VIGOROUS THAN ANYONE HAD EXPECTED. ALL THE CLOUDS WERE NOT DISPELLED AT THESE MEETINGS IN PARIS AND BRUSSELS. NOR WAS IT INTENDED THAT MANY MAJOR DECISIONS BE TAKEN. BUT IMPORTANT PERSONAL CONTACTS WERE MADE AND, ON BALANCE, THE COHESION OF THE WEST WAS STRENGTHENED. THE DISPLAY COULD NOT HAVE BEEN LOST ON ITS CHALLENGERS--INCLUDING THE OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES, THE DEVELOPING NATIONS AND THE COMMUNIST STATES.

C. L. SULZBERGER NOTES--THE MEDITERRANEAN HAS NOW BECOME A KIND

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OF FRONTIER OF DETENTE, BETWEEN CONTINENTAL EUROPE, WHERE BOTH SUPERPOWERS MAINTAIN FORCES THAT PROVIDE SOME BALANCE OF STRENGTH, AND A SEA BASIN WHERE RUSSIA IS GAINING STEADILY AT NATO'S EXPENSE. EVEN EGYPT'S PRESIDENT SADAT COMPLAINS THAT AMERICAN WEAKNESS (BY WHICH HE MEANS AN INTERVENTIONIST CONGRESS) IS ENABLING THE SOVIET UNION TO GET BACK INTO THE "MIDDLE EAST PICTURE."

TOM WICKER REPORTS--THE SUPREME COURT'S REFUSAL TO INTERVENE AGAINST THE C.I.A.'S EXTENSIVE CENSORSHIP OF A BOOK BY VICTOR MARCHETTI AND JOHN D. MARKS VALIDATES ONE OF THE MOST EXTRA-ORDINARY PRIOR RESTRAINTS IN AMERICAN HISTORY AND GREATLY ENHANCES THE ABILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO CLASSIFY AND WITHHOLD INFORMATION FROM THE PUBLIC.

#### THE BALTIMORE SUN

HENRY TRENNITT WRITES THAT THE U.S. ABRUPTLY SIGNALLED YESTERDAY WHAT AMOUNTED TO FULL RESUMPTION OF ITS INITIATIVES TOWARD A SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL STRONGLY SUGGESTS THAT YOU ARE PREPARED TO RESUME PERSONAL MEDIATION. CONSEQUENTLY, PRESIDENT FORD'S MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT SADAT ARE CRUCIAL. THE AMERICAN OFFICIAL SAID HE EXPECTS COMPROMISE PROPOSALS FROM MR. SADAT TOWARD A RECORD DISENGAGEMENT WITH ISRAEL IN THE SINAI PENINSULA. (A-1)

GENE QISHI REPORTS THE PRIME MINISTERS OF GREECE AND TURKEY AGREED YESTERDAY THAT THEIR CONFLICT OVER CYPRUS SHOULD BE RESOLVED PEACEFULLY AND THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS. AS EXPECTED, THE MEETING PRODUCED NO BREAKTHROUGHS. THAT THE MEETING TOOK PLACE AT ALL, HOWEVER, WAS REGARDED AS AN INDICATION OF THE POLITICAL WILL OF BOTH SIDES TO RESOLVE THE CONFLICT. (A-1)

THE SOVIETS APPEAR TO BE PREPARING FOR WHAT COULD BE THE FIRST LONG-RANGE TEST IN MORE THAN A YEAR OF HUGE NEW MISSILES ARMED WITH MULTIPLE WARHEADS. PENTAGON SOURCES SAID YESTERDAY THAT FIVE SOVIET MISSILE TRACKING SHIPS HAVE MOVED INTO THE PACIFIC ABOUT 400 NAUTICAL MILES NORTH OF MIDWAY ISLAND. (A-2)

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